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For: PORTABLE ADVISORY SYSTEM FOR )  
BALANCING AIRFLOWS IN PAINT )  
BOOTH )  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2003, regarding the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 12 remain in the application.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, and 10 through 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Tong et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,226,568). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

U.S. Patent No. 6,226,568 to Tong et al. discloses a method of balancing paint booth air flows. Low air flows sensors 52 may be used adjacent each cross-flow damper 50, the sensor providing accuracy in signaling air flow direction and air flow velocity. Digital output of

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